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HORNAUER et al.

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IN HETEROGENEOUS DETECTION METHODS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RCE FILING

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 31, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed September 20, 2002 for the above-identified application, a Request for Continued Examination having been filed requesting entry of Applicants' September 3, 2002 Amendment After Final Rejection and the time for response having been extended for two months with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 60-63 as follows: